Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claims 1-19 (canceled)

- 20. (new) A monoclonal antibody comprising a variant of a parent human Fc region, wherein the amino acid sequence of the parent human Fc region is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 1, 2, 3 and 4, and wherein the variant consists of a parent human Fc region substituted at one of the following positions with the amino acid indicated: position 251 with a phenylalanine, position 256 with a methionine, 256 with a proline, position 268 with a glutamic acid, position 268 with an aspartic acid, position 280 with a lysine, position 332 with an arginine, position 378 with an aspartic acid or position 440 with a tyrosine.
- 21. (new) A monoclonal antibody comprising a variant of a parent human Fc region, wherein the amino acid sequence of the parent human Fc region is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 1, 2, 3 and 4, and wherein the variant consists of a parent human Fc region substituted at position 247 with an amino acid selected from the group consisting of leucine and isoleucine.
- 22. (new) The monoclonal antibody of claim 21 wherein the variant consists of a parent human Fc region substituted at position 247 with an isoleucine.
- 23. (new) The monoclonal antibody of claim 22, wherein the antibody specifically binds human CD20.
- 24. (new) A composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of the antibody of claim 23.
- 25. (new) A monoclonal antibody comprising a variant of a parent human Fc region, wherein the amino acid sequence of the parent human Fc region is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 1, 2, 3 and 4, and wherein the variant consists of a 332K amino acid substitution.